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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH CUSTOMS TARIFF

REF: STATE 225162

1. US REACTION TO PROSPECTIVE POLISH TARIFF DUSCUSSED
NOV. 16 WITH EC PERMREP (LUYTEN) AND EC DEL TO CSCE (KAWAN).
THEY APPRECIATED ADVANCE NOTICE AND SAID EC MEMBER STATES
HAD BEEN INFORMED OF POLISH INTENTIONS BUT COORDINATION
OF EC VIEWS HAD NOT YET TAKEN PLACE. THEY HAD NO OBJEC-
TIONS TO US COMMUNICATING OUR VIEWS TO POLES SINCE THEY
ANTICIPATED EC VIEWS LIKELY BE SIMILAR IF NOT IDENTICAL
TO THOSE OF US. KAWAN IMPLIED EC MIGHT BE INCLINED TO
TAKE EVEN TOUGHER LINE THAN US. KAWAN EXPRESSED
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GREAT SKEPTICISM ABOUT WILLINGNESS OF POLES TO

LOOSEN CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF ECONOMY TO EXTENT WHERE TARIFF WOULD BE MEANINGFUL. BOTH LUYTEN AND KAWAN EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF TIME AND ENERGY DURING MTN TO DEAL WITH WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL MATTER. KAWAN DREW ATTENTION TO WORKING OF SCHEDULE L.X.V. CONCERNING RIGHT OF OTHER CP'S TO MODIFY EQUIVALENT "COMMITMENTS" IF AGREEMENT NOT REACHED IN RENEGOTIATION OF POLISH QUANTITATIVE IMPORT COMMITMENT. HE OBSERVED THIS GIVES EC AND SOME OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE IN ANY NEGOTIATION TO REPLACE POLISH COMMITMENT WITH A TARIFF SINCE PRINCIPAL "COMMITMENT" (IN CONTRAST TO TRADITIONAL GATT "CONCESSION") MADE BY EUROPEANS IN CONNECTION POLISH ACCESSION WAS TO LIBERALIZE DISCRIMINATORY Q.R.'S.

2. EC REPS NOTED POLAND DID NOT FILE NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 28:5 BEFORE JAN. 1, 1973 RESERVING RIGHT TO RENEGOTIATE ITS PRESENT COMMITMENT DURING 1973-1975 BUT ASSUMED POLAND COULD REQUEST CP'S TO AUTHORIZE RENEGOTIATION UNDER "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" RULE OF 28:4. SUBSEQUENT CHECK WITH SECRETARIAT CONFIRMED FOREGOING BUT SEC OBSERVED POSSIBLE COMPLICATION MIGHT ARISE UNDER THIS PROCEDURE IN THAT 28:4 REQUIRES NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT RULES OF 28:1 AND 28:2 WHICH IN TURN SPEAK ONLY OF WITHDRAWALS OF EQUIVALENT "CONCESSIONS" IF AGREEMENT NOT REACHED.

3. WE ORALLY COMMUNICATED US VIEWS TO POLISH MISSION (JODKO) NOV. 19 AND, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, PUT REFTEL VIEWS IN LETTER DATED NOV. 20. JODKO OFFERED NO COMMENT.

4. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH BARTOSZEWICZ LAST WEEK DURING 29TH CP SESSION, HE INDICATED POLES ARE THINKING OF NOT RPT. NOT APPLYING TARIFF TO HUNGARY ON GROUNDS FREE TRADE AREA UNDER ARTICLE 24. IN RESPONSEQUERY ABOUT INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT ROMANIA, BARTOSZEWICZ SAID POLAND UNDECIDED PENDING RECEIPT MORE INFO ABOUT ROMANIAN TARIFF WHICH IS SUPPOSED
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